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City Celebrates Opening of New Senior Center

Mountain View celebrated the opening of its new Senior Center in October. Located at 266 Escuela Avenue, the 25,000 square foot lodge-style building features a social hall that provides banquet-style seating for up to 200 people, a full kitchen, game room, exercise room, computer room, and multipurpose rooms for classes and other activities. The building also offers four new pool tables, two ping-pong tables, a paperback book library, video and DVD library, a coffee bar, and a comfortable lobby lounge area for reading. The social hall will be available for private rental during times when the Senior Center is not in operation.

The programming and services offered at the Senior Center complement the senior day health services provided by Avenidas at the Rose Kleiner Senior Day Health Center located next door at 270 Escuela Avenue.

For more information, visit the Senior Center or call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6330. ●

Graham Sports Complex Dedication Set for December 16

Celebrate the opening and dedication of the new Graham Sports Complex and reservoir project on Saturday, December 16, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with entertainment, food and activities on the new track and fields. The event will be held at Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro Street.

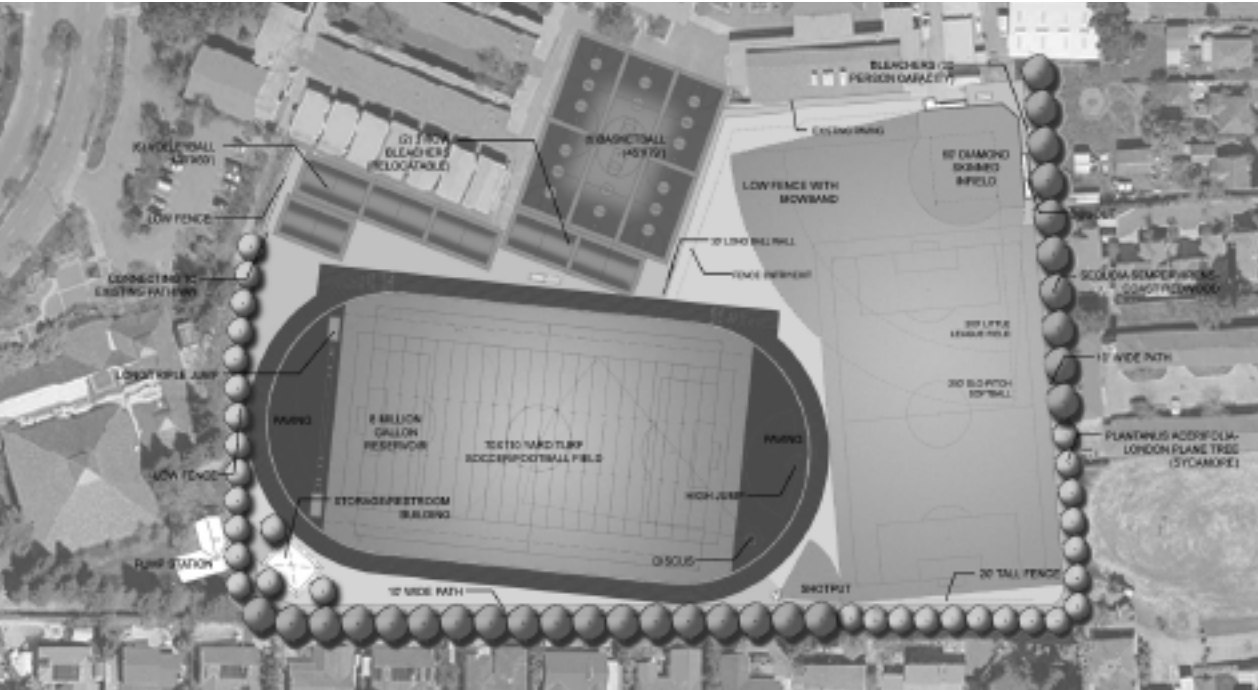
The unique sports complex and reservoir project was a joint effort between the City of Mountain View and Mountain View-Whisman School District.

The new sports complex includes an all-weather regulation track and field, a soccer/football field, a soccer field, a baseball/softball field, basketball and volleyball courts, a rest room and equipment storage facilities. These facilities are located above a newly constructed 8-million gallon underground reservoir built by the City.

In exchange for the City building and maintaining the playing fields, the School District provided the location for the reservoir and will make the playing fields available for community use during non-school hours.

The project not only provides new and expanded reservoir capacity that will help the City to ensure that there is an adequate water supply to meet the community's future water needs and to respond to major emergencies and natural disasters, but also significantly enhances sports facilities in the City.

For more information regarding the dedication event, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331. ●



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ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Come celebrate the holidays with friends and family at the Mountain View Tree Lighting Celebration on Monday, December 4, 2005, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street. This annual, free event features live holiday music, refreshments, holiday lights and the chance for children to have their picture taken with Santa. Entertainment begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by tree lighting and Santa's arrival at 6:20 p.m.

In the spirit of the season, everyone is encouraged to bring a can of food to donate to the Share the Cheer Holiday Food Drive, which benefits the Mountain View Community Services Agency. For more information, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.

Unofficial Election Results

As this issue of *The View* was going to print, final results for the Mountain View City Council election and proposed City Charter amendment were not available from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters.

Unofficial results show that Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant and Jac Siegel, were the top vote recipients for the three open City Council seats. The proposed City Charter amendment that would set the City Council's base salary at \$1,500 per month was rejected by more than 52 percent of Mountain View voters.

Final election results will be posted on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov once they are available. Additional information can be obtained by calling the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304.

Councilmembers will take their oaths of office on January 9, 2007. ●

Stevens Creek Trail Receives Two More Grant Awards

The City of Mountain View has been awarded two grants totaling more than \$1 million to assist in the funding of the final phase of the Stevens Creek Trail, running from El Camino Real to the Sleeper Avenue area. The two grants represent more than 75 percent of the \$1.5 million estimated cost to complete that section of the Trail.

The Stevens Creek Trail is a bike and pedestrian path that runs along Stevens Creek in Mountain View and is part of a larger network of trails throughout the Bay Area. When finished, the Trail in Mountain View will stretch from Mountain View High School to the Bay.

This summer, the City was awarded an \$874,000 California Rivers Parkway Grant by the State Resources Agency for the Trail. The City also recently received a \$275,000 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for the project.

The City began designing the final phase of the Trail project this fall and construction is expected to begin in late 2007 or early 2008.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

South Whisman Area Considered for Housing

The City is considering rezoning industrial land in the South Whisman Area for residential uses. In August, the City Council directed staff to begin drafting an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The next steps will include preparation of a traffic study for the Council's review and a meeting to garner public input on the EIR.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. ●

Potential Rezoning of Satake Nursery Property for Housing Being Considered

The City is currently reviewing an application submitted by SummerHill Homes to rezone the 6.3-acre Satake Nursery property at 1079 Marilyn Drive for future single-family residential development. If approved, the rezoning would allow up a maximum of 37 single-family units to be built on the site.

The Environmental Planning Commission reviewed the rezoning request and obtained public input regarding several issues associated with the potential rezoning in September.

Conducting an environmental review of the project is the next step for the project. The tentative schedule includes Environmental Planning Commission and City Council public hearings before the end of the calendar year.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. ●



New Downtown Parking Structure Update

The City's new parking structure at the northeast corner of California and Bryant Streets is scheduled to open early next year. The four-story, five-level structure will include approximately 400 parking spaces. A Longs Drugs will be located in the structure's first floor retail space. The project also includes solar panels on a roof-top carport structure that will provide shade for parked cars as well as electricity to run the lights and elevators in the structure.

For more information, call Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

MOUNTAIN VIEW CITYGRAM

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you'd like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager's Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department.

Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager's Office, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

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City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

A limited supply of extra copies of *The View* is available at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, and the Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue.

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2006 Mayor’s Award Program Winners

Eleven Mountain View programs and projects were honored in November with the 2006 Mayor’s Award. A 13-member jury made up of representatives from local businesses, schools, City commissions, neighborhood associations, architectural firms and the community-at-large selected the winners from nominations submitted by the community.



The Mayor’s Award recognizes two categories of contributions that enhance the physical and social environment in Mountain View, making it a better place to live, work and play. Social Program award winners must make a significant contribution in the area of education, youth development, human services, human relations, environment or other social benefit to the community. Physical Project award winners must make a significant contribution to Mountain View through high-quality architectural design, landscape and site plan design, environmental or remodeling efforts that enhance the community.

SOCIAL PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS:

- *Peninsula Youth Theatre* (PYT). PYT was recognized for the outstanding theatrical learning experiences it has been providing to youth for more than 14 years.
- *Advancement via Individual Determination* (AVID). Offered at Los Altos High School, AVID is a nationally

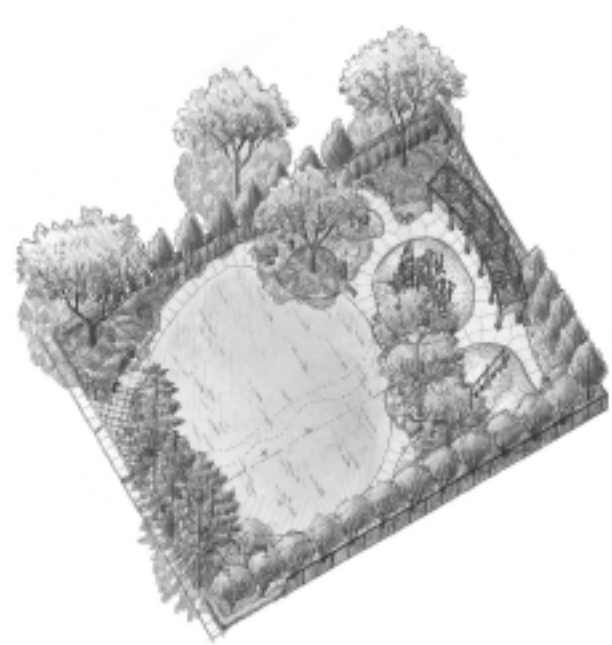
- recognized in-school academic support program that focuses on providing access to four-year colleges.
- *PACT’s Art Focus at Castro School*. The Parent-Child-Teacher (PACT) School at Castro School is an alternative, parent-participation school for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Art Focus was initiated in 2000 to provide developmental, hands-on learning opportunities in the arts through innovative teaching methods and curriculum.
 - *Cross Age Tutoring* (CAT) program. Mountain View High School freshmen serve as tutors for sixth grade students at Crittenden Middle School in this innovative partnership between the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District and Mountain View-Whisman School District.
 - *Adventures in Art and Adventures in Music programs at the Community School of Music and Arts* (CSMA). In partnership with Arts Council Silicon Valley and FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, the bilingual programs offer a stimulating, hands-on introduction to art and music for preschoolers while laying a strong foundation for their social, emotional and intellectual development.
 - *CasaSAY*, a program of EHC LifeBuilders, has served as a home for runaway, homeless and foster youth in Santa Clara County since 1977. CasaSAY staff also counsel youth and their families helping them learn to communicate and problem-solve more effectively.
 - *Mesa de la Comunidad*. The organization advocates for and serves as a bridge between underrepresented

- groups, particularly the Latino community, and civic, business and educational organizations in Mountain View.
- *Vox Design Group Inc*. Vox Design Group was recognized for its use of green design methods to design and build energy efficient residential and commercial buildings.

PHYSICAL PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS:

- *San Antonio Place*, the 120-unit efficiency studio housing development providing affordable housing for low-income Mountain View residents and seniors on fixed incomes, was selected for the Architectural Design Award.
- *Alta Vista High School’s new campus* was recognized with the Landscape and Site Plan Award.
- *ALZA Corporation’s* cogeneration facility that converts methane gas from a closed City landfill into energy for the company’s facilities in Mountain View received the Environmental Enhancement Award.
- The renovation of the residence at *1090 Mercy Street* maintaining much of the original character and style of the original construction was recognized with a Remodeling Project Award.

For more information about the Mayor’s Award Program, call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301. ●



New Evandale Neighborhood Park

Construction of a new mini-park on Devonshire Avenue in the City’s Evandale neighborhood is scheduled for completion before the end of the calendar year. The new 3/4-acre park will feature play structures, swing sets, picnic tables with benches, a lawn area, pathways and other amenities. Neighborhood residents’ ideas were incorporated into the new park’s design and amenities.

Information regarding the official opening and dedication of the new park was not available at the time *The View* was going to print.

Contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 for more information. ●

San Antonio Place Wins Project of the Year Award

San Antonio Place, a low income housing project created jointly by the City of Mountain View and Charities Housing, has been named the 2006 Project of the Year by *Multifamily Executive*, a national publication for home builders.

Projects were judged on architectural innovation, floor plan efficiency, suitability to target market, creative use of materials, interior design, landscaping, creative financing solutions, and ability to work with government and community officials.

Located at 210 San Antonio Circle, San Antonio Place contains 118 studio apartments designed to provide housing for low income households earning between 15-45 percent of the County median income.

For more information about San Antonio Place, visit the Charities Housing website at www.charitieshousing.org or call (408) 282-1133. ●



11th Annual Mayor’s Youth Conference

More than 130 delegates from local schools attended the 11th Annual Mayor’s Youth Conference on November 1, 2006. The Conference brings together students from local schools and community, education and business leaders to discuss topics relevant to young people.

This year’s conference theme, “Life Skills—No Extra Credit,” encouraged participants to develop personal assets and life skills not traditionally taught in a school environment. Life skill sessions included: nutrition, personal safety, health education, positive relationships, employment skills and personal finance.

Conference delegates also provided valuable input regarding recreation programs, facilities and services. The City will use the information provided by delegates in its development of the City’s first Recreation Plan. The Recreation Plan will determine the future focus of the City’s Recreation Division by setting program and service priorities so that the current and long-term recreation needs of the community are met.

For more information about the Mayor’s Youth Conference, contact the City’s Youth Resources Manager at (650) 903-6301. ●

Cuesta Park Annex Master Planning Update

The City initiated a master planning process for the future use of the Cuesta Park Annex site earlier this year. Based on community input and City Council direction, only open space and recreational uses have been considered as potential future uses for the site.

The master planning effort has included several opportunities for broad public participation in the process, including two community workshops where members of the public were provided an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop potential design/use concepts for the Annex site.

The design/use concepts generated by community workshop participants were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in September for review and prioritization. The Parks and Recreation Commission’s preferred design/use concepts were presented to the City Council in study session on October 24.

As this issue of *The View* was going to print, the City Council was scheduled to decide on a design/use concept for the future of the Cuesta Park Annex site at its November 14 meeting.

For more information regarding the Cuesta Park Annex master planning process, visit the City’s website at www.mountainview.gov or call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301. ●

Connecting with your community

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

Senior Services/Senior Center

Blood Pressure Nurses—Registered Nurses or Certified Nurse Assistants are needed to provide free blood pressure checks to seniors. Schedule is based on availability. An active nurse's license is required. Contact Lauren Merriman at (650) 903-6330 or e-mail lauren.merriman@mountainview.gov.

Computer Lab—Volunteers are needed to supervise the drop-in program at the Mountain View Senior Center's new Technology Center. Commitment may be once a week for one to two hours. Contact Lauren Merriman at (650) 903-6330 or e-mail lauren.merriman@mountainview.gov.

Receptionists/Substitutes—Friendly volunteers are needed to assist with telephones and information requests at the Senior Center's front counter Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Substitute receptionists are also needed. Contact Teresa Estavillo at (650) 903-6441 or by e-mail at teresa.estavillo@mountainview.gov.

Deer Hollow Farm

School Year Teaching Docents—Volunteers are needed to teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm, garden and Native American studies. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from September through May. Training is also available throughout the school year. Call Deer Hollow Farm for more information at (650) 903-6430 or e-mail dhfarms@mountainview.gov.

Mountain View Public Library

Children's Services—Assist with sorting and shelving of books, videos, and other materials in numerical and alphabetical order. Minimum age is 13 years. Contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or e-mail maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov.

Circulation Services—Volunteers are needed to help shelve videos and DVDs in the Adult Media section of the Library. Hours are very flexible. For more information, contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or e-mail maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov.

Center for the Performing Arts

Ushers—Volunteers are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, March 5 and Monday, March 12, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Office Assistants—Help is needed in the Center's office 10 hours a week. Skills required include word processing, spreadsheet manipulation, data entry, filing and general office duties. Work hours are flexible, but regular. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Police Department

Outreach Assistants—Provide assistance to the Department's Outreach Unit by contacting and

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Calendar of Events

December

- 4 Annual Tree Lighting**, 6:00 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street (See story on Page 1)
- 6 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 7 Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 9 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 10 Victorian Soiree at the Rengstorff House**. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Rengstorff House, 3070 North Shoreline Boulevard. (See story on next page.)
- 12 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 13 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 16 Graham Sports Complex Dedication**, 11:00 a.m., Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro Street
- 18 Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 20 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- Performing Arts Advisory Committee**, 7:00 pm, location TBA
- 23 Cops That Care**. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Auditorium, Robert K. Schatz Police Services and Fire Administration Building, 1000 Villa Street. (See story on Page 5.)
- 25 Christmas Holiday**, City offices closed.
- 26 Christmas Holiday**, City offices closed.

January

- 1 New Year's Holiday**, City offices closed.
- 3 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 4 Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 9 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- Swearing-in of new City Councilmembers. Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor.
- 10 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 13 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Santa Clara. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.



- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**. City offices closed.
- 16 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 17 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- Performing Arts Advisory Committee**, 7:00 pm, location TBA
- 19 Deadline for Arbor Day Tree Applications**. (See story on Page 7.)
- 20 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 22 Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 27 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 30 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 31 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR



February

- 1 Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
 - 7 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
 - 13 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
 - 14 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
 - Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
 - 17 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
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Police Activities League

More than 500 community members celebrated the launch of the City's revitalized Police Activities League (MVPAL) program on September 16 at Castro School. MVPAL's mission is to bring Police Officers and youth together through group activities, providing young people with an alternative to gangs and crime.

This fall, MVPAL sponsored a camping trip in the Oakland Hills, including a sleep-over, hiking, arts and crafts, sports, swimming, campfires, and a trip to the Chabot Space Center.

In the future, MVPAL will be offering a variety of recreational and leadership development activities for young people between the ages of 5 and 18.

For more information on MVPAL, to join an activity, or to volunteer, contact Joanne Pasternack at mvpal@mountainview.gov, call the MVPAL hotline at (650) 903-6139 or visit the MVPAL website at <http://www.mvpal.org>.



2007 Community Police Academy Now Accepting Applications

Learn more about Police Department investigations, procedures, training, operations and policies by signing up for the Mountain View Community Police Academy. The 10-session course is free of charge and open to people who live or work in Mountain View. The Department expects to offer Academy sessions in both English and Spanish this year.

Academy sessions fill up fast, so apply early. To receive an application, call (650) 903-6186 or visit the Police Department website at www.mvcpd.gov.



RENGSTORFF HOUSE PRESENTS
A VICTORIAN SOIREE



Celebrate a traditional Victorian Soiree at the Rengstorff House on Sunday, December 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The soiree will be hosted by the Friends of R House and will feature holiday music, vintage readings, homemade food, hosts and hostesses in vintage costume, and a visit from Father Christmas.

Tickets are available for a donation of \$18 per person. Seating is limited. For tickets, call (650) 968-3110 or send a check made payable to Friends of R House along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Rengstorff House Christmas, 3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard, Mountain View, CA 94043

For more information, call (650) 903-6073.

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- 19 **Presidents' Day Holiday.** City offices closed.
- 21 **Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
Performing Arts Advisory Committee, 7:00 pm, location TBA
- 24 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 26 **Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 27 **City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 28 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** 6:30 p.m., PCR



- CC **Council Chambers,** City Hall
- PCR **Plaza Conference Room,** City Hall
- ACR **Atrium Conference Room,** City Hall

All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

Holiday Events at
the Mountain View Center
for the Performing Arts

Holiday magic is in the air for children of all ages at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts with theater, dance and music.

For tickets or more information, call (650) 903-6000 or visit mvcpa.com.

- November 29-December 3
Smuin Ballet presents **The Christmas Ballet, 2006 Edition**
- December 8-10
Western Ballet presents **The Nutcracker**
- December 9
Western Ballet presents **Nutcracker Sweet Tea**
- December 11
Schola Cantorum presents **Messiah Sing**
- December 12
Quadre–The Voice of Four Horns presents **Horns for the Holidays**
- December 15-16
Peninsula Youth Theatre Stories on Stage presents **A Christmas Carol**
- December 15-16
Billy deFrank Center and Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus present **Winter Melodies**
- December 17
The Sippy Cups present **Electric Storyland**



Cops That Care

The Mountain View Police Department's Cops That Care program will again be collecting toys and gifts for needy children in the community this holiday season.

Donated toys and gifts will be distributed at a free, special event on Saturday, December 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the Robert K. Schatz Police Services and Fire Administration Building at 1000 Villa Street. The program is open to all Mountain View residents. Children must be under 18 and attend the holiday event with a parent or guardian to receive a gift.

The Police Department will begin accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys on December 1 at 1000 Villa Street, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Gift cards and cash will also be accepted. No food items, please. Donations will be accepted through December 22. Gifts for older children, particularly gift cards, are needed.

For more information, call Officer Ron Cooper at (650) 903-6712. ●



Mountain View Public
Library Offers Technology
Assistance

Learn more about computers and the Internet by visiting the Mountain View Public Library. Technology Aides are available afternoons and on weekends to answer computer-related questions. Additionally, written instructions for many common computer tasks are available at the Library's Reference Desk.

The Library also offers classes in its Training Center for customers to learn more about the Library's catalog and resources, as well as basic and advanced Internet use. Internet classes are available in both English and Spanish. All classes require pre-registration.

To obtain additional information about the classes offered at the Library's Training Center, visit the Library's website at library.mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6337. ●

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

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educating false alarm violators and serving as an outreach and resource liaison. Volunteers must be 18 or older and pass a background check. Training is provided. Contact Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or e-mail pdvolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Field Assistants—Provide field assistance to a wide variety of Department programs. Successful completion of a background investigation is required. Participants will drive Police Department vehicles. Assignment days and times are flexible. Participants will work in two-person teams. Contact the Department's Volunteer Program at 903-6749 or via e-mail at pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov.

Volunteer **Home Security Inspectors** are needed to provide inspections at residences in Mountain View. **Mobile Radar Trailer Deployment** volunteers are needed to set up and pick up the Police Department's radar trailers around the community. **VIP Interpreters** assist in the interpretation of written and verbal communication in many different languages. Training of all volunteers is provided. Contact Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or e-mail pdvolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program—Volunteers are needed to assist with coordinating and conducting CERT Team trainings for the community. Volunteers are also needed to assist with creating new display boards and organizing public education materials. Call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607 for more information.

Amateur Radio—Use your amateur radio operating skills to assist the Fire Department during disasters. Members of the amateur radio operators group must supply their own radios. For more information, call Lynn Brown, Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825.

Shoreline at Mountain View

A variety of opportunities are available for volunteers who are at least 18 years old. **Rengstorff House Docent** volunteers greet visitors and conduct guided tours of the Rengstorff House. The Rengstorff House is open Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Staffing is in three-hour shifts and training is provided. **Garden Docents** help plant and maintain the gardens around the Rengstorff House or create flower arrangements for the parlors. Work hours are flexible. All docents are supplied with an informational manual, training and supervision.

Volunteer Gatehouse Rangers greet visitors, monitor park activities, and educate the public about Shoreline policies. Opportunities are available seven days a week with staffing in three-hour shifts. **Patrol Rangers** assist Shoreline Park and Stevens Creek Trail users by providing information and keeping the trails free of litter. Trails are open seven days a week and hours are flexible. For more information, call the Shoreline Office at (650) 903-6392.

Upcoming Opportunities

Community Development—Mediators—The City will soon be recruiting volunteers to help resolve rental housing, neighborhood, consumer and workplace disputes as mediators. Volunteers must successfully complete a 32-hour training course to learn mediation skills and conflict resolution techniques. Applicants must live, work or own property in Mountain View. Look for more information in the spring issue of *The View*.

Spring Downtown Parade—Special Event—Volunteers are needed to help at the 27th Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 28th. Help with set up, decorations, face painting, game booths and block monitoring. Call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

These are just a few ways that you can get involved. If you have an idea, or special skill or talent to offer, or want to join our TEAM, please call the Volunteer Services Office today at (650) 903-6607. ●

Keeping Our Community Safe and Prepared

Natural disasters and other emergencies can happen at any time and being prepared for such events is very important.

This issue of *The View* focuses on preparing for the winter storm season, flood protection and precautions you can take to prepare for a potential world-wide influenza outbreak (flu pandemic).

Future issues of *The View* will provide additional information and tips on how to prepare for other emergencies and/or natural disasters.

Prepare for the Winter Storm Season

The City recommends that you take the following precautions in the event of heavy storms and flooding during the winter rainy season:

Obtain necessary sandbags. The City will make sand and sandbags available at no charge to Mountain View residents beginning with the first storm of the season at the Municipal Operations Center, 231 North Whisman Road. Residents should bring a shovel with them to fill the sandbags.

Report flooding or standing water. Contact the Public Services Division, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at (650) 903-6329. After business hours and on weekends, call the Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

Report downed street trees or limbs. Contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at (650) 903-6273. After business hours and on weekends, call the Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

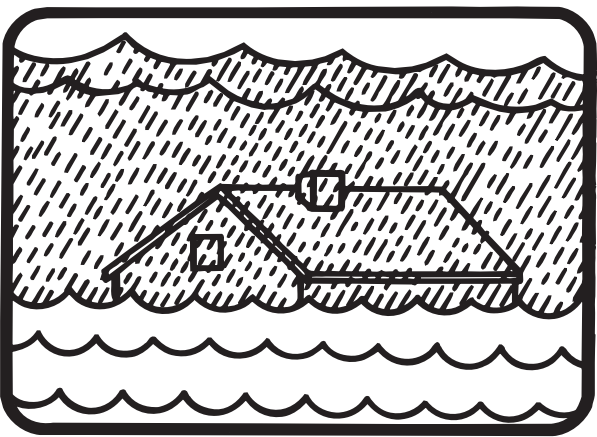
Do not touch downed power lines. Assume all downed power lines are dangerous and call both 911 and PG&E at (800) 743-5000 immediately. Also, tune to your local radio station for power outage updates.

For answers to your other questions about weather precautions and damage, contact the City’s Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.

Flood Protection Information

As the winter rainy season approaches, the City of Mountain View cautions residents and businesses to be aware of flood hazards and suggests the following as ways to protect people and property in the event of flooding.

Twelve percent of the City is located within special flood hazard areas. Flooding in these areas is caused by tidal flooding from the Bay and flooding from Permanente Creek. Although most properties located within the flood hazard areas have been unaffected during storms in recent years, it is prudent to be prepared in the event of a more severe storm.



Flood Safety. There are several actions residents of flood hazard areas can take to decrease the potential of injury due to flooding.

- Do not walk through flowing waters.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Don’t drive around road barriers – the road or bridge ahead may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Turn off your electricity. Don’t use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Look before you step. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don’t smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been properly ventilated.

Flood Insurance. Standard homeowners’ insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, the City of Mountain View is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes it possible for property owners to obtain Federally backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of

insurable property (a building or its contents). Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss. The City also participates in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. Based on activities implemented by the City to reduce risk from flooding, and which exceed the minimum standards of the National Flood Insurance Program, the community qualifies for a 10 percent discount for National Flood Insurance policies issued or renewed. The actual cost of insurance will vary depending upon the amount of coverage and degree of flood hazard. This insurance is required in certain instances, such as the purchase of a home with a Federally backed mortgage. Individuals should contact their insurance companies for flood insurance costs.

Property Protection Measures. There are various actions that can be taken to flood proof structures. Electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers should be elevated or relocated to a location less likely to be flooded. Basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves can be installed, and interior flood walls can be placed around utilities. If flooding is likely, and time permits, move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home. Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. These actions can help minimize the amount of damage caused by flood waters.

Flood Map Information. The City will provide the public, lending institutions, real estate agents and insurance agents with the flood map information indicated below upon request. Call (650) 903-6311 during normal business hours or visit the Public Works Department at City Hall for the following information:

- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area.
- Additional flood insurance data for a site such as the Flood Insurance Rate Map zone, base flood elevation or depth.
- A handout on the flood insurance purchase requirements.

Preparing for a Flu Pandemic

Taking the same steps you would normally take to avoid any seasonal flu will help you protect yourself and your family against a potential outbreak of avian (bird) flu or other dangerous influenza virus this winter.

- Wash your hands frequently using soap and water. This is the single most important step to reduce flu transmission.
- Stay healthy by eating a balanced diet, exercising, resting properly and drinking fluids.
- Get a seasonal flu shot.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues. Put used tissues into the trash and then wash your hands.
- If you get sick, stay home. Don’t send sick children to school. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Prepare an emergency kit. (See information box at left)

In the event a flu pandemic does occur, public health officials will provide instructions about reducing the spread and impact of the flu. These measures may include:

- Staying home from work and school if you or your family members are sick.
- Cancellation of large gatherings of people.
- Isolation of ill people in their homes or healthcare facilities.
- Quarantine of healthy exposed persons who have not yet developed symptoms.

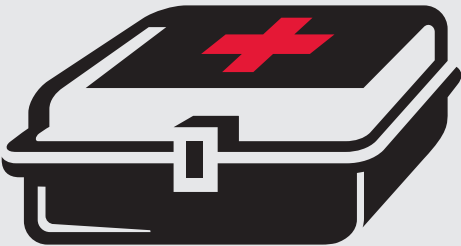
For information on how to prepare an emergency plan and kit for your family, contact the American Red Cross at (408) 577-1000 or visit www.redcross.org.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department has published a “Preparing for Pandemic Flu” booklet. The booklet provides basic information about pandemic flu, individual and family preparedness, as well as additional information resources. The booklet is available online by visiting www.sccphd.org. ●

Pandemic Flu Emergency Kit

During a flu pandemic, as many as 1 in 4 people could become sick, many of them seriously ill. The medical and public safety services we rely on every day may be significantly overburdened and/or not available during such an emergency. Having an emergency kit on hand with the supplies below will help you and your family if services are disrupted.

- Two weeks worth of non-refrigerated food for you and your family.
- Water stored in sealed containers. Plan on one gallon of water per person per day for up to two weeks.
- A two-week supply of prescription medications.
- A two-week supply of ibuprofen or acetaminophen for each person in your household.
- A two-week supply of cough medicine.
- Rehydration solution for adults and children. Mix 4 cups of clean water with 2 tablespoons of sugar and 1/2 teaspoon of salt.
- A supply of face masks and plastic gloves.
- Disinfectants and chlorine bleach.



City Committed to Reducing Carbon Dioxide Emissions

The City of Mountain View has implemented a multifaceted approach to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in an effort to address the challenges of climate change. The City has been recognized by organizations ranging from the Sierra Club to the California Department of Conservation for its innovative and forward-looking programs.

The City’s local efforts to support the global environment include:

- The installation and operation of two **microturbines that convert methane gas from closed City landfills into energy** to power some of the City’s Shoreline Park facilities.
- Developing a **landfill gas-to-energy system with ALZA Corporation** so that ALZA can purchase methane gas from closed City landfills to produce much of the electricity and hot water it needs at its North Bayshore Area facilities. The project is expected to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by an average of 17.3 million pounds per year during the first 10 years of the project.
- **Reducing electricity and natural gas consumption** in City facilities by 15 percent and 26 percent respectively in 2005 compared to 2000.
- **Adding more high-mileage, low-emission hybrid vehicles** to the City’s vehicle fleet.
- **Use of low-sulfur diesel fuel** to reduce diesel emissions beginning in 2004 and continued research into the possible use of bio-diesel fuel.
- **Installation of a 90-kilowatt photovoltaic (solar power) system** in the new downtown parking structure at the corner of California and Bryant Streets to power the structure’s lighting and elevator.
- **Installation of solar powered pumps** to circulate water in City reservoirs and at the Shoreline Sailing Lake.
- **Award-winning Transit Oriented Development** projects that concentrate housing and jobs near transit to reduce the need for cars.
- **Completion of a Downtown Transit Center** linking CalTrain, light-rail and bus service and bringing “Baby Bullet” CalTrain service to downtown.
- **Implementation of green building practices** in new City facilities, including the new Senior Center and the new Shoreline Maintenance Facility.

For more information about the City’s environmental efforts and initiatives, call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301. ●

Become Part of the Community Response Team

You can help when emergencies occur by joining the City’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT training teaches residents to organize their neighborhoods and implement family disaster preparedness procedures. When a disaster occurs, emergency resources may be unavailable and CERT-trained volunteers can help neighbors until responders arrive. Training includes classes in fire suppression, medical operations, and search and rescue.

CERT classes are provided by the Fire Department. Classes are held in the Auditorium of the Robert K. Schatz Police Services and Fire Administration Building at 1000 Villa Street. CERT training is free to Mountain View residents.

UPCOMING CLASSES INCLUDE:

CERT Training (Spanish Speakers) Saturday February 17, 24 and March 3 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Accelerated CERT Training Saturday May 5, 12 and 19 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
CERT Training Wednesday April 4 through May 16 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Final class on Saturday, May 19	

To sign up for classes, contact the Fire Department at (650) 903-6378 or visit www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/citydepts/fd/fire.htm. ●

City Receives Grant for Alcohol Law Enforcement

The Mountain View Police Department has received an \$18,000 grant from the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control to reduce the sale of alcohol to underage youth. The Department will work jointly with the Los Altos Police Department to conduct operations in both communities aimed at strengthening the enforcement of laws related to alcohol sales.

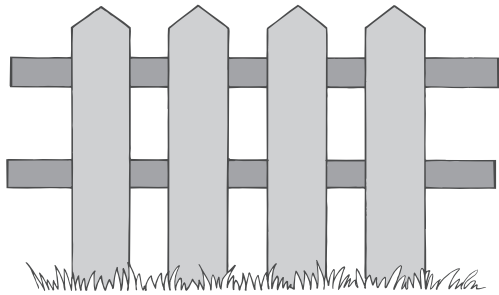
For more information, call the Mountain View Police Department at (650) 903-6357. ●

A Quick Guide to Residential Fence Regulations

- The City of Mountain View regulates the height and placement of fences in residential areas of the City. Yard fencing must be safe and well-maintained. Height regulations include the following:
- **Front yard fencing** is limited to no more than three feet in height, including lattice work. These fences must be located entirely on private property, away from the sidewalk right-of-way.
 - **Rear and side yard fencing** may be up to six feet in height, including lattice. A permit is required for higher fencing, which is limited to seven feet with lattice.
 - **Fencing on corner lots** has slightly different requirements to help ensure traffic visibility.

Before building new fencing on your property, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 for more specific information and instructions about fence height and placement.

To file a complaint regarding fence violations, call the City’s Code Enforcement Division at (650) 526-7713. ●



Plant a Tree for Arbor Day



The City of Mountain View will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 10, 2007 in Pioneer Park with a variety of events, including a City-wide tree planting. The City also plans to make approximately 125 new trees available to individual residents this year for planting on their property.

The planting event is part of the City’s forestry restoration efforts and the celebration of the State of California’s Arbor Day.

Residents wishing to participate in the City-wide tree planting must fill out and submit the application form included below by 5:00 pm on January 19, 2007, and agree to plant and maintain the tree on their property. If the number of requests for trees exceeds the number of trees available, names will be drawn at random. The City will deliver the tree of choice to eligible residents during the week of March 5, 2007.

Residents may choose from five varieties of trees.

- The **Red Maple** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, steady watering and will grow to 50 feet with leaves that range from yellow to red in the fall.
- The **Krauter Plum** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, grows to 20 feet and blooms with light pink flowers.
- The **Brisbane Box** is an evergreen tree with inconspicuous flowers that can tolerate some shade, has low watering requirements and grows up to 60 feet high.
- The **Crape Myrtle** is a deciduous tree with showy, pink summer flowers. It grows to approximately 25 feet high.
- The **Chinese Pistache** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, and grows to 60 feet with leaves that turn red, yellow and orange in the fall.

For more information about Arbor Day activities, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.

Arbor Day 2007
Tree Application

NAME

ADDRESS

DAYTIME PHONE

TREE PLANTING ADDRESS

TYPE OF TREE REQUESTED (LIST ABOVE)

PLANTING LOCATION OF ARBOR DAY TREE
(Examples: southwest corner of backyard, center of front lawn, backyard garden)

The undersigned agrees to: (1) accept the tree requested above, (2) plant the tree as indicated on application, (3) maintain the tree at own expense (tree planting/care information will be supplied).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS APPLICATION BY MAIL BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2007.

Send to:
City of Mountain View, Forestry Division
P.O. Box 7540
Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Office Use Only. Date Received: